



# February Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

WELCOME BACK! Hopefully the warmer weather will be joining us very soon!  
It's a long newsletter this month, so apologies in advance.

What a wonderful spring 1 half term we had! I have to start with my pupil shout outs, as I was so proud during the last week of the half term... we have three!

## Year 6

A tremendous well done to Y6 who raised a whopping £278 pounds for St Anne's hospice. A wonderful charity who I am sure will be very grateful. Thank you everyone for your generosity.



## Kitty Y2

When Kitty and her family heard about the charity cake sale for St Anne's hospice, a charity close to their hearts, Kitty decided to get the ball rolling! Not only did she donate a wonderful cake, but she rallied around and raised over £40! What a super star!



## Ruari Y2

I am pleased to share with you that Ruari was chosen as the 'Be a Red' winner. The 'Be a Red' initiative is for children who always have a positive attitude, are respectful and listen to advice to improve... the perfect description of Ruari! Well done - we hope you enjoyed your free family tickets



### **The Hilton Lane Food Shed**

I am very proud to share that, thanks to Mrs King our outstanding Learning Mentor, and the kind donations from staff, Hilton Lane have started a small 'food shed' for families in emergency situations. If you need support from our foodbank, please don't hesitate to come see Mrs King, all requests will be treated sensitively and confidentially. Please note, we cannot provide perishable items due to storage.



We are always grateful for any donations of provisions for children and families in need within our school community. Donations can be handed in at the main school office during the working day. If you are able to support, the items we most need are:

- Cereal / cereal bars
- Tinned soup
- Dried pasta / noodles
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes / pasta sauce/ beans/ spaghetti/ meat/ vegetables/ fruit
- UHT milk

The food shed is a quick interim measure, referrals to established food banks can be made where needed.

### **Lunches**

I put it on every newsletter and probably drive you bonkers(!) but PLEASE order your child's lunches. Get ahead and order for the full half term. It's heart breaking seeing them upset when they get a default dinner due to you not ordering and we cannot do anything about it. It's your responsibility to order.

### **Lost Books**

As previously communicated, we have invested hugely in our school books yet many have not been returned. We will be sending out more 'lost book letters' to enable you to replace them. We cannot continue to fund this from the school budget. Thank you to those who return them religiously so others can benefit.

### **EdShed/ Homework**

We have had one half term of EdShed (Y1-Y6) being used for homework. We hope you are now fully in the swing of things. If you require another log in (these should be in your child's reading record) please speak directly to the teacher. If there are any issues with homework, please speak to Mrs Oliver.

### **Face to Face Communication**

May I remind everyone that we have a zero tolerance for verbal abuse or aggressive/ intimidating behaviour towards others, including staff. Incidents will be taken seriously and reported accordingly.

### **Parents/ Carers Evening and Book Fair**

We look forward to welcoming you into school for parents/ carers evening on Xx and Xx March. Keep your eye out on seesaw for your slots to be communicated. The book fair will be in the hall with an array of exciting things to browse.

### **Staff shout out:**

To all staff who have gone above and beyond arranging trips and visits for your children - it really is no easy task and requires a huge amount of background work to make it happen. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Kindest regards,  
Miss Kearsley.

### **Key date reminders:**

When?	What?	Where?
6.3.24	Y6 trip – Crucial Crew	Off site with school staff
7.3.24	World Book Day!	In school – activities arranged by school
8.3.24	Reception Class Assembly	2:45pm – Main hall
15.3.24	Red Nose Day	In school activities
21.3.24	World Downs Syndrome Day - Wear odd socks	In school – no donations required
22.3.24	Y3 Class Assembly	2:45pm – Main hall
26.3.24	Parents Evening	3:40pm-5:50pm
27.3.24	Parents Evening	3:40pm-5:50pm
28.3.24	School closes for the holidays Returning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 24	3:30pm

### **Attendance Reminder:**

If a child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.